

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006. Applicant amends Claims 9-13, 16-21, and 24 for purposes of clarifying the claimed subject matter. Applicant respectfully notes that none of these amendments affect the scope of the subject matter claimed by the relevant claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-8.

Section 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 9-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Nonetheless, for the purposes of advancing prosecution, Applicant amends Claims 9-13, 16-21, and 24 to address the Examiner's concerns. Claims 9-24 are thus allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9-24.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 9-10, 12, 15-18, 20, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0176106 by Tendler ("Tendler"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Additionally, Applicant previously overcame these rejections in the Request for Continued Examination filed on June 7, 2006 (the "June 7 Response."). The Examiner indicates that these rejections are a result of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection Applicant addressed above. *Office Action*, p. 2. As noted above, Applicant amends Claims 9-10, 12, 16-18, 20, and 24 to address the Examiner's concerns. Claims 9-10, 12, 15-18, 20, 23, and 24 are thus allowable in accordance with the Examiner's indications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9-10, 12, 15-18, 20, 23, and 24.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 11 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tendler* in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,906,166 issued to Cooper et al. (“*Cooper*”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Additionally, Applicant previously overcame these rejections in the *June 7 Response*. As noted above, the Examiner indicates that these rejections are a result of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection Applicant addressed above. *Office Action*, p. 2. Applicant amends Claims 11 and 19 to address the Examiner’s concerns. Claims 11 and 19 are thus allowable in accordance with the Examiner’s indications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 11 and 19.

The Examiner rejects Claims 13 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tendler* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0196151 by Troxler (“*Troxler*”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Applicant also previously overcame these rejections in the *June 7 Response*. As noted above, the Examiner indicates that these rejections are similarly a result of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection Applicant addressed above. *Office Action*, p. 2. Applicant amends Claims 13 and 21 to address the Examiner’s concerns. Claims 13 and 21 are thus allowable in accordance with the Examiner’s indications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 13 and 21.

The Examiner rejects Claims 14 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tender* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,742,987 issued to Brown (“*Brown*”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Applicant also previously overcame these rejections in the *June 7 Response*. As noted above, the Examiner indicates that these rejections are similarly a result of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection Applicant addressed above. *Office Action*, p. 2. Applicant amends Claims 9 and 17 to address the Examiner’s concerns. Claim 14 and 22 depend from Claims 9 and 17, respectively, and are thus allowable in accordance with the Examiner’s indications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 14 and 22.

Conclusions

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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